

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

[0046] At step s212 of Fig. 2, the provisioning server 128 identifies the service order entry system.

In particular, step s212 determines whether the service order data has been placed using the GUI 120 via the intranet 124. If so, the service order data is already compatibly formatted with the network 150 and the process proceeds directly to process step s220 to derive units of work. Through the GUI 120, the provisioning server 128 may be instructed to query arbitrary network elements and process, ~~or store~~ store or display retrieved data in a consistent format.

Please replace the paragraph [0070] with the following amended paragraph:

[0070] When the comparison at step s512 indicates a consistent result, the DMT parameters relating to the request are retrieved from the system database 130 at step s516 and the DSL record is provisioned in the network element at step s518, based on the retrieved DMT parameters. The DMT parameters are built via the CLEC GUI 122, for example. ~~If~~ If the provisioning server 128 determines at step s520 that the provisioning of the network element was not successful, an error message is generated at step s528. Otherwise, if the provisioning was successful, the process proceeds to step s522.